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Featured Librarian: Lois Potter Silver Lake Public Schools



When **Lois Potter** began working she was a part time Media Specialist and part-time Special Education teacher at Campbell Public Schools. Campbell then merged with Roseland and Bladen to form **Silver Lake Public Schools** with the elementary school in Bladen and the high school in Roseland. Silver Lake has about 120 students in Grades 7-12 and 90 in Grades K-6. There is now a diverse school population which has helped keep the enrollment level. Lois is the K-12 Media Director, SPED Coordinator for the Silver Lake District, High School SPED teacher, Reading Facilitator and the Accelerated Reading Director. So how does Lois keep all her jobs straight? In the Media Center in Roseland, two aides spend most of their day taking care of the Media Center while Lois teaches SPED

students and works with Accelerated Reading and the Stars testing on-line. Twice a year, Lois asks the students for lists of books to order and they give her long lists which she orders for the Media Center. Lois says: "if students request it, I order it, unless it is something inappropriate".



The Media Center is open two mornings a week in the summer since there is no Public Library in Roseland or Bladen. Distance Learning is run through the Media Center where small individualized classes are taught for things such as Advanced Calculus. Lois thinks Accelerated Reading enhances reading and motivates students to improve. Each student receives a MAC laptop computer which has been a wonderful learning tool for the students. They blog about the books they have read and what they liked and didn't like. Lois thinks it is becoming harder to find quality non-fiction for students. They do use NebraskaAccess for research, but it is challenge

to make sure the students understand the differences between good and bad websites. Many students see everything on the computer as truth, so Lois does everything she can to teach them to be discriminating users. Lois kept emphasizing time constraints on the teachers, teachers being spread too thin, and never, ever enough time.

School after school has the Media Specialist doing a variety of jobs while the Media Assistants run the Media Center which has made me cringe slightly while talking to the Media Specialist; however, I can see giving students a computer and teaching classes with distance learning creates the individualized learning experience which was only given lip-service years ago. As Lois kept talking, I thought this is really interactive education. The student is a direct part of their learning experience. Schools are changing rapidly. Perhaps the need for a centralized building will soon be a thing

of the past too.

Lois likes to travel and listen to audiobooks. She has been doing lots of traveling this summer as she has been to Florida, Branson, Little Rock and the Cheyenne Rodeo where she saw Kenny Chesney. She sews and quilts and is on a quest to download the new maps to her Garmin so she can navigate her way through cities on her travels. She has a husband, 3 children and one perfect grandchild. All in all, Lois is providing the students and teachers a quality media center and doing what she can do with the time she has to spend. Perhaps, in this consolidated world, this is the best any of us can do.

Sherry Houston—System Director



2009-2010 RVLS Board Meetings

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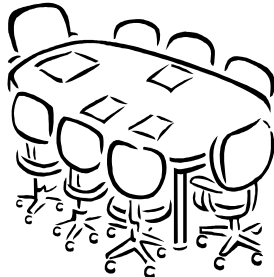
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All meetings begin at 10 am.

Your attendance is encouraged and welcomed!



Friday, September 11, 2009

Klyte Burt Memorial Library—Curtis

Friday, November 6, 2009

Hoesch Memorial Library—Alma

Friday, January 8, 2010

Hastings Public Library —Hastings

Friday, March 5, 2010

Lied Imperial Public Library—Imperial

Friday, June 4, 2010—Annual Meeting

Location to be determined



RVLS NEWS

Holdrege Area Public Library launched a 'gamer corner' in their teen area in June. They have a Playstation 2 console and 32 games to choose from. (They plan to expand the number of games soon) Players may play the games at the library or check them out to take home for 3 days. They also have established a children's activity room which they've used for the weekly summer preschool story program, craft club and the monthly Gamer Saturday programs. All of this has been accomplished by more effectively utilizing the space they had.

Everyone had lots of baggage to load into the bus on the return trip from **ALA in Chicago**. Susan Franklin and Pam Bohmfalk were no exceptions.



WELCOME NEW RVLS BOARD MEMBERS!

**Mary Nelson, Dana Wade
Mo Khamouna**

were elected to the RVLS Board at the Annual Meeting held on June 5, 2009.



FUNDRAISERS

North Platte Public Library Foundation just completed their fundraiser "A Garden Potpourri". Various gardens were showcased and mini-workshops were held at several of the homes. Library Director **Cecelia Lawrence** showed the culinary uses of herbs and provided samples to attendees. Nearly 200 people attended the tour and 900 raffle tickets were sold with net proceeds close to \$2100.

The Friends Foundation of the **Blue Hill Public Library** created a themed basket for a raffle held during the town's July 4th celebration. The ticket buyers chose which jars to place their wishes in. Ten lucky winners helped contribute \$425 towards a new DVD movie collection at the Library. The DVD movie collection is being funded by a grant from Glenwood Telephone Membership Cooperative with matching funds from the Blue Hill Public Library Friends Foundation.



Mary Nelson, Amy Greenland, and Sherry worked hard at the **Nebraska Library Leadership Institute** retreat in Schuyler July 20-24th.

Congratulations to RVLS libraries qualifying for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation "Opportunity Online Hardware Grant". The following 9 RVLS libraries qualified and will receive computers, hardware and advocacy training during the next 2 years.

- **Beaver City Public Library**
- Benkleman, **Dundy Co. Library**
- Cambridge, **Butler Memorial Library**
- Curtis, **Klyte Burt Memorial Library**
- **Franklin Public Library**
- **Hastings Public Library**
- **Hayes Center Public Library**
- **Nelson Public Library**
- **Superior Public Library**



Clay Center Public Library has been awarded a \$3,500 KN Energy Grant. The funds will be used to replace old classic books that may contain lead based paints and books that were used in their Summer Reading Program.



RVLS Has Scholarship Money Available

Up to \$100.00 per event for registration, mileage, meal, etc.

Only one scholarship per person per fiscal year

All member libraries eligible

Name _____

Library _____

Event _____

Date of event _____

Scholarship requested for _____ (meal, room, etc.)

Amount requested _____

Other information:

Send to: Republican Valley Library System
2727 W. 2nd # 233
Hastings, NE 68901



RVLS Calendar

AUGUST

- 5**— Database Roadshow 2009, North Platte Community College, North Platte, NE
<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/scripts/training/eventshow.asp?ProgID=9043> (See pg. 15)
- 27**—Issues @ your Library, Hastings Public Library, Hastings, NE (see pg. 5 or June's VALLEYTALK pg 11)

SEPTEMBER

- 11-13**—Association of Rural and Small Libraries, Gatlinburg, TN
- 15 & 17**—Valley Visits, McCook and Hastings (see page 6)
- 26**—National Book Festival, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. (Free)

OCTOBER

- 7**—ESU 11 Workshop (more details later)
- 28-30**—NLA/NEMA Conference, LaVista, NE (see pg 10,11,12)

NOVEMBER

- 14**—NE Center for the Book Festival, Lincoln, NE

It's Your Move

The conference of the Association for Rural and Small Libraries will be in Gatlinburg, TN. on Sept. 11, 12, 13. **This conference is for small and rural libraries and their needs.** The theme is "Keeping Your Head While Serving Your Community". If you are interested in attending, contact Jim as he will be carpooling. Contact Jim Connor, trustee college@msn.com or webjunction.org/arsl for details. To register go to: <https://www.bcr.org/ARSL/conf09/index.html>

Issues @Your Library

A free workshop
to be held at

**Hastings Public Library
on August 27, 2009.**

The topics will be:

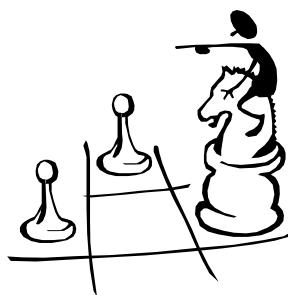
- What Trustees Need to Know
From 9:30—12:00
- Internet Access-What's Your
Policy From 1:00—3:30

Lunch is on your own from 12-1
pm. Pre-registration is due August
21st.

E-mail rvlsasst@inebraska.com or
call 1-800-569-4961 or send regis-
tration form from your June issue
of Valleytalk to the RVLS Office
2727 W. 2nd # 233, Hastings, NE
68901. **Note:** If you are going to
attend the afternoon session pre-
sented by Michael Sauers from
the NE Library Commission, he
needs to have a copy of your inter-
net policy by August 13th.



5 CE's



Ellison on the Move

Here's the schedule for
the Ellison, **if you want on
the schedule please con-
tact us**, or if it is near
you, perhaps you could
work out something with
your neighbor.

September 1st—Superior
Public Library—Superior

October 1st— Sutton Pub-
lic School—Sutton

November 1st—Southern
Valley Elementary—Oxford

March 1st, 2010— Central
Community College—
Hastings

North Platte Public Library will be
hosting Author Ladette Randolph on
August 13th. Over the noon hour, she
will be speaking about her new book "A
Sandhills Ballad".

Call the Library for reservations (308-
535-8036.

On September 19th, **North
Platte Public Library Foundation**
will host another cemetery tour
as they have in the past. Carolyn
Clark aka Annie Cook in previous
years will present "If These
Walls Could Talk". For further
information go to
www.npplfoundation.org

United We Serve/ Summer of Serve Initiative

Nebraska libraries now have in-
creased opportunities to involve
volunteers in their services to their
communities under an effort of the
federal government to spur Ameri-
cans to volunteer this summer.
Using a national database provided
by the United We Serve effort, li-
braries and many other entities can
register volunteer activities they
need to have filled. One potential
benefit of these efforts is to turn
summer volunteers into life-long
advocates for your library. United
We Serve kicked off on June 22
and runs through September 11,
which will be marked for the first
time as a national day of service
and remembrance in honor of
those who lost their lives. The
initiative focuses on four key areas:
education, health, energy and the
environment; and community re-
newal.

The American Library Association
(ALA) and the White House are
encouraging libraries to post their
volunteer opportunities at
www.serve.gov. (The registration
form takes very little time to fill
out, and it provides those wishing
to volunteer an easy way to find
your library's volunteer positions.)
As the initiative develops, the ALA
will make available resources to
assist libraries in conducting volun-
teer efforts. Visit www.ala.org/unitedweserve for more informa-
tion.

MONEY SMART WEEK November 9th-15th

Libraries can support Ne-
braska Money Smart Week in
a variety of ways. See [http://
www.Moneysmartne-
braska.org/](http://www.Moneysmartnebraska.org/) or contact Molly
McGrath at the Federal Re-
serve Bank in Omaha
(molly.mcgrath@kc.frb.org or
call her at 402-221-5606



On the Bookshelf



The following items have been recently added to the RVLS Collection:

- ***Bone by Bone*** by Carol O'Connell
- ***Innocence*** by David Hosp
- ***Gone Tomorrow*** by Lee Child
- ***Home Game*** by Michael Lewis
- ***Nothing to Lose*** by Lee Child

**Free
Workshops**

Valley Visits

1.5 CE's

September 15, 2009

McCook Public Library **OR**

802 Norris Avenue

McCook, NE 69001

September 17, 2009

RVLS Office, Landmark Center

Lower Level Meeting Room

2727 West 2nd Street

Hastings, NE 68901

Dave Oertli from the Nebraska Library Commission Presents:

10:30—12:00

New Digital Talking Book Player

Please call by Sept. 14, 2009 402-462-1975 or 800-569-4961

OR e-mail: rvlsadmin@inebraska.com

rvlssasst@inebraska.com

If you do not know where the Lower Level Meeting Room is at the Landmark Center———
Drive to the east side of the building, turn south and go down a little hill, there are 3 awnings on the building. The middle one is marked "Landmark Center, Ameriprise Financial", enter the building through those 2 doors, proceed straight ahead toward the lounge area, turn left down the hallway marked "Hastings Hall of History" the Meeting Room is the first door your left.



Audio Books for Kids by title

Title	Author	Format	Age
Accidents of Nature	Johnson, Harriet McBryde	CD	14+
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer	Twain, Mark	CD	8+
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer	Twain, Mark	MP3 CD	8+
Airborn	Oppel, Kenneth	CD	10+
Anne of Green Gables	Montgomery, L.M.	CD	8+
Bang!	Flake, Sharon	CD	5+
Best Foot Forward	Bever, Jean	CD	12+
Book Thief	Zusak, Markus	CD	12+
Bras and Broomsticks	Mlynowski, Sarah	CD	12+
The City of Ember	DePrau, Jeanne	CD	10+
Breaking Dawn	Meyer, Stephenie	CD	12+
Cracker! The Best Dog in Vietnam	Kadohata, Cynthia	CD	10+
The Door in the Wall	de Angeli, Marguerite		9+
Dunk	Lubar, David	CD	13+
Eclipse	Meyer, Stephenie	CD	12+
Eldest	Paolini, Christopher	Playaway	12+
Elijah of Buxton	Curtis, Christopher Paul	CD	10+
Emma-Jean Lazarus Fell Out of a Tree	Tarshis, Lauren	CD	12+
Eragon	Paolini, Christopher	Playaway	12+
Escape: The Story of the Great Houdini	Fleischman, Sid	CD	9+
Evolution, Me & Other Freaks of Nature	Brande, Robin	CD	12+
Fat Kid Rules the World	Going, Kelly L.	CD	6+
Favorite Scary Stories of American Children - Grades K-3	Young, Richard and Judy Dockrey	CD	5+
Favorite Scary Stories of American Children Grades 4 -6	Young, Richard and Judy Dockrey	CD	9+
The Fellowship of the Ring (first book of "The Lord of the Rings" Trilogy)	Tolkien, J.R.R.	CD	10+
The First Part Last	Johnson, Angela	CD	13+
Following the Clues: A visit to the Doctor and the Library (in English,. Spanish and Sudanese-Nuer)	University of NE Medical Center	CD	5+
Girls in Pants: The Third Summer of the Sisterhood	Brashares, Ann	CD	13+
A Hare-Raising Tail	Levy, Elizabeth	CD	7+
Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets	Rowling, J.K.	CD	8+
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows	Rowling, J.K.	CD	8+
Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire	Rowling, J.K.	CD	8+
Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince	Rowling, J.K.	CD	8+
Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix	Rowling, J.K.	CD	8+
Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban	Rowling, J.K.	CD	8+
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone	Rowling, J.K.	CD	8+
Hattie Big Sky	Larson, Kirby	CD	10+
Have Space Suit--Will Travel	Heinlein, Robert	CD	12+
Heat	Lupica, Mike	CD	12+
The Hobbit (prequel to "The Lord of the Rings" Trilogy)	Tolkien, J.R.R.	CD	10+
Holes	Sachar, Louis	CD	9+
The Horse and His Boy (the Chronicles of Narnia # 3)	Lewis, C.S.	CD	10+
Johnny Tremain: A Story of Boston in Revolt	Forbes, Esther	MP3	9+

Audio Books for Kids by Title— continued

Title	Author	Format	Age
The Last Battle (The Chronicles of Narnia # 7)	Lewis, C.S.	CD	9+
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe (The Chronicles of Narnia # 2)	Lewis, C.S.	CD	8+
The Magician's Nephew (The Chronicles of Narnia # 1)	Lewis, C.S.	CD	8+
Miracle on 49th Street	Lupica, Mike	CD	10+
The Misfits	Howe, James	CD	10+
The Mixed-Up Mask Mystery	Levy, Elizabeth	CD	7+
New Moon	Meyer, Stephenie	CD	12+
The Old Country	Gerstein, Mordicai	CD	8+
Ophie Out of Oz	O'Dell, Kathleen	CD	8+
Pants on Fire	Cabot, Meg	CD	13+
Past, Perfect, Present Tense: New and Collected Stories	Peck, Richard	CD	10+
The Penderwicks	Birdsall, Jeanne	CD	6+
Peter and the Shadow Thieves	Barry, Dave and Ridley Pearson	MP3	10+
Peter and the Starcatchers	Barry, Dave and Ridley Pearson	CD	10+
Pinnochio	Collodi, Carlo	Cassette	8+
Poetry: Capturing the Moment	Kooser, Ted & Friends	DVD	13+
Prince Caspian (The Chronicles of Narnia # 4)	Lewis, C.S.	CD	8+
The Principal's on the Roof	Levy, Elizabeth	CD	7+
Ramona Quimby, Age 8	Cleary, Beverly	Cassette	8+
Redwall	Jacques, Brian	Cassette	12+
The Return of the King (the Third book of the "The Lord of the Rings")	Tolkien, J.R.R.	CD	10+
The Rolling Stones	Heinlein, Robert A	CD	12+
Second Summer of the Sisterhood	Brashares, Ann	CD	13+
Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie	Lubar, David	CD	10+
The Silver Chair (The Chronicles of Narnia # 6)	Lewis, C.S.	CD	8+
The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants	Brashares, Ann	CD	13+
Soup	Peck, Robert Newton	CD	6+
The Tale of Despereaux	DiCamillo, Kate	CD	9+
Things Not Seen	Clements, Andrew	CD	12+
The Two Towers (second book in "The Lord of the Rings" Trilogy)	Tolkien, J.R.R.	CD	10+
The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (The Chronicles of Narnia # 5)	Lewis, C.S.	CD	10+
Where the Red Fern Grows	Rawls, Wilson	Cassette	8+
The Wind in the Willows	Grahame, Kenneth	Cassette	5+
The Wizard of Oz	Baum, Frank L.	Cassette	8+

By: Sherry Houston.....Attending **ALA in Chicago** was once again a cul-



turally empowering event. I loved every minute (well maybe not the bus ride back), but almost every session I attended left me thinking WOW—this was wonderful! I attended one session that was an important reminder for all libraries. I really hadn't planned on this session, but it was in the same hotel as the one I attended previously and since distance was always something to be factored in, I thought, well, this sounds like an interesting session, I will just stay. It was called "Revitalizing the Library Experience" and the presenters were consultants George Needham, Library Strategist, and Joan Frye Williams, Library Fu-

turist. They have formed a consulting group called georgeandjoan.com (<http://georgeandjoan.com/>) Their resumes are outstanding to back up their words about libraries.

Here are some of their salient points:

1. Don't treat customers like Walking Workload.
2. Have tools not rules.
3. Libraries are about user experience not librarian experience.
4. The goal is to get the person to come back.
5. Every employee is involved.
6. Treat every transaction as if it is really important.
7. Be more generous to each other.
8. Give respect and get respect.
9. Treat customers like they are smart.
10. Use the passions of staff (if you have a person who has great knowledge about a subject let them work in that area)
11. This is work worth doing.
12. Customer should feel successful when coming to the library.

The last point was their most important point which they repeated over and over. **Create a successful experience for the users when they come to the library.** Make what they are looking for easy to find or create that successful experience for them. Don't have staff sitting behind a desk pointing vaguely in the distance for some request. It reminded me of the time I was in Colorado and told my daughter I would wait for her at the College Library while she went to class. I thought I would read the paper (when newspapers were still important). I could not find the newspapers in the library. I wandered all over, and didn't even see someone to ask except behind an unapproachable desk. I did see many displays from a benefactor which were interesting, but I never did find the newspaper. I left thinking, what a poor excuse for a library. Think like the customer. Have a greeter when a person comes into the library. Do anything you can to make their time successful. We hear these ideas over and over and don't always act on them, but they are important to keep reminding ourselves.

It isn't all about us, it is all about them!





LOOKING FOR

NLA– NEMA 2009 Fall Conference

Look No Further——Registration is online at

<http://www.nebraskalibrarires.org/conference>

They are encouraging everyone to utilize the website and the constantly evolving information therein. (If you need help, call Sherry or Kay and we will try to guide you thru it.)

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Oh Good Grief!

Bereavement Issues for Librarians

October 28, 2009

La Vista Conference Center

10am -3pm

Joy Johnson, presenter, who along with her husband Marvin founded the Centering Corporation (www.centering.org) in 1977 to provide education and resources for the bereaved, will be providing tools and techniques to librarians who are helping customers dealing with grief and grieving. The Centering Corporation is dedicated to providing education on grief and loss for professionals and the families they serve.

Death is inevitable but not many of us are comfortable with it. Librarianship is one of the "helping professions" but few have had training in how to help people dealing with end-of-life issues. This workshop will provide tools and techniques for dealing with grief and grieving and will cover the following:

- Become "aware" of your own attitudes toward death
- Develop resources and techniques to use in assisting library customers dealing with the death of a loved one
- Improve ability to assist people facing a terminal illness through library services
- Recognize how mode of death affects responses (suicide, prolonged illness, multiple deaths, death of a child...all of those may alter people's attitudes)
- Find resources available in the community and other libraries
- Develop your library's collection to meet the needs of your users as they face end of life issues
- Storytelling
- Soup and salad demonstration of grief

Deadline to register—Monday, October 19th

Name _____

Library _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Cost: \$20 with lunch on your own
Make check to: NRLS and mail to:

Eastern Library System
11929 Elm Street, Suite 18
Omaha, NE 68144

ktooker@windstream.net
3.5 hours of CE credit available

**NLA PLTS Legalities and Public Libraries
Policies and Procedures Pre-Conference
LaVista Embassy Suites Conference Center
October 28 th , 2009, 1:00 – 5:00 PM**

This pre-conference is a follow-up to the presentation on the same subject that was given by Adam Prochaska during the 2009 NLA Public Library and Trustee Section (PLTS) spring meetings in Wahoo, Bridgeport and Lexington. If you haven't sent him a copy or electronic copy of your library's policies and procedures, please do so by Email to aprochaska@hslegalfirm.com or by U. S. Mail to Adam Prochaska, Harding and Shultz P. C., L. L.O, 800 Lincoln Square, 121 South 13 th St., P. O. Box 82028, Lincoln, NE 68501-2028.

The pre-conference registration fee is \$10.00. Application can be made using this form and sent to **Richard Miller, PLTS Secretary/Treasurer, Nebraska Library Commission, The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Suite 120, Lincoln, NE 68508.**

The deadline for reservations is Monday, October 19 th .

If there are questions, please contact **Richard at the Commission, (402) 471-3175 or rmiller@nlc.state.ne.us**. If he is unavailable, contact **John Seyfarth, Sump Memorial Library, Papillion, NE 68046 at (402) 597-2050 or jseyfarth@sumplibrary.info** .

Please fill in the registration form below and enclose a check for registration made out to Nebraska Library Association Public Library and Trustee Section to Richard's address.

Name: _____

Library _____

Address _____ **City/State/Zip** _____

E-mail _____ **Phone** _____

Library Camp Nebraska

**NLA/NEMA 2009 Preconference
LaVista Embassy Suites Conference Center
Omaha, NE
October 28, 2009**

Description An unconference is the best part of a conference stripped out and crammed into a fun and informative day-long event. Unconferences have no presenters, just discussions of the topics that you want to talk about with your colleagues. Participation will be limited to just the first 100 registrants and is open to **anyone** who is interested in dialogue and conversation about customer-friendly libraries, library 2.0 and how we can all improve our services and organizations to meet the needs of our communities.

Further details can be found at <http://librarycampnebraska.pbworks.com/>.

Date & Time: 10/28/2009 9am - 4PM (Central Time)

Location: La Vista Conference Center, 12520 Westport Parkway, La Vista

Cost: No Charge

CE Hours: 3

Class Size Limitations: 50

Registration Starts: 7/17/2009 **Registration Ends:** 10/26/2009

For Further Information: Michael Sauers

402-471-3106; 800-307-2665

msauers@nlc.state.ne.us

Summer Fun at UNK Library

Looking for ways to play and learn? Come to the Calvin T. Ryan Library of the University of Nebraska at Kearney! Recent additions to the Curriculum Collection include these play guides and lesson planning tools:

Having a Ball: Stability Ball Games includes 73 games that teach balance and coordination. Games for camp or classroom, children and adults will have fun while improving their fitness skills. [Byl, John. 2008. *Having a ball: stability ball games*. Champaign, IL: Human Kinetics.]

Learn to Move, Move to Learn! Sensorimotor Early Childhood Activity Themes collects games and activities designed to help children of all abilities gain motor, language, sensory, cognitive and social/emotional skills in preparation for school. [Brack, Jenny Clark. 2004. *Learn to move, move to learn!: sensorimotor early childhood activity themes*. Shawnee Mission, Kan: Autism Asperger Pub.]

Wild, Wild West combines 26 songs with over 300 activities for young children. Remember “She’ll be Comin’ Round the Mountain?” In addition to teaching the song, the book includes activities that are thought provoking and fun. How would the song be different if “she was flying in an airplane” instead of “driving six white horses?” Remember the “chicken and dumplings” and the echo *yum yum*? What other sounds would fit in this verse and others? [Schiller, Pamela Byrne, Richele Bartkowiak, and Deborah C. Wright. 2006. *Wild, wild west: 26 songs and over 300 activities for young children*. Beltsville, Md: Gryphon House.]

And , of course, many, many more!

The University of Nebraska at Kearney’s Calvin T. Ryan Library (2508 11th Avenue) welcomes all library users. Any Nebraska resident, 18 years or older, may apply for a special borrower card. Just fill out an application at the Circulation Desk and present a valid Nebraska photo ID. Community members are allowed to borrow five circulating items at a time. What circulates? Most books, books on tape, videos, CDs, and lots of other information resources!

Parking on a university campus is always a challenge! We can help to ease this difficulty by sending you a temporary parking permit, directions, and a campus map with the appropriate parking lots marked. To request a permit, please contact Jennifer Harvey (harveyjs@unk.edu; 308-865-8276) or Rochelle Krueger (kruegerr@unk.edu; 308-865-8819). There is also street parking on the south side and east side of the campus, if you don’t mind a little walk! Many of our resources can also be borrowed through your local library’s interlibrary loan service.

We hope to see you soon!

--Jennifer Harvey, Curriculum Librarian, harveyjs@unk.edu

2009 Summer Reading Activities

This group of children at **Hastings Memorial Library** in Grant loved story time.



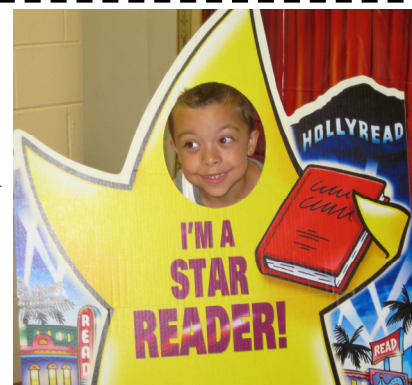
Holdrege Public Library had a “Ham It Up” session during their Summer Reading Program



.....and these participants certainly enjoyed the activities.



Six weekly programs followed the “Be Creative” theme. Over 110 students were each able to try playing a trumpet, drum and guitar with help from Rob Kittle from Kittle’s Music and Wayne Mueller, music director.



“Be Creative @ Your Library” concluded with a talent show at the **North Platte Public Library**. Entertainment included singers, dancers, piano and drum players as well as a poetry reading, puppetry and hula hoop



Over 125 participated in the reading program with 114 completing at least one reading slip and 37 completing all five reading slips. Children were encouraged to read at least two and a half hours weekly..



Photos courtesy of Elwood Bulletin

Elwood Public Library

hosted Kindergarten thru 5th grade youth each Tuesday during their Summer Reading Program. They helped the youth explore the worlds of music, dance, art, books and more.

Auld Public Library in Red Cloud, invited local celebrities to read to the children during their Summer Reading Program. Pictured here is Joyce Terhune, director for the Webster County Museum, reading to the younger group.



Raylene Stephens, librarian at **Orleans Public Library**, shared these pictures of participants in their Summer Reading Program.

and more

2009 Summer Reading Activities

Beaver City Public Library shared pictures of the activities the children enjoyed.





Anonymous, Chinese saying

**“To read a book for the
first time is to make an
acquaintance with a
new friend; to read it
for a second time is to
meet an old one.”**

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